



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Transportation Conformity Rule: MOVES Regional Grace Period  
Extension**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** Because EPA received adverse comments, we are withdrawing the direct final rule extending the MOVES Regional Grace Period, published on October 13, 2011. The direct final rule would have extended the grace period to March 2013, before the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator model (currently MOVES2010a) is required for regional emissions analyses for transportation conformity determinations ("regional conformity analyses").

**DATES:** Effective [insert date of publication], EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 76 FR 63554, on October 13, 2011.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because EPA received adverse comments, we are withdrawing the direct final rule for extending the MOVES regional conformity grace period, published on October 13, 2011 (76 FR 63554). We stated in that direct final rule that if we received adverse comments, the direct final rule would not take effect and we would publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register. We subsequently received adverse comments on that direct final rule. We will address those comments in a subsequent final action, which will be based on the parallel proposed rule also published on October 13, 2011 (76 FR 63575). As stated in the direct final rule and the parallel proposed rule, we will not institute a second comment period on this action.

Dated: November 29, 2011.

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Accordingly, the amendments to the rule published on October 13, 2011 (76 FR 63554) are withdrawn as of [insert date of publication].

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